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**REQUEST
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| <i>Application Number</i> | 09/259,145 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | February 26, 1999 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Pai-Hung Pan Et Al. |
| <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 2814 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | A. Mai |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 3027.1US (96-684.1) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 12, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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In re Application of:

Pai-Hung Pan et al.

Serial No.: 09/259,145

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For: WELL-DRIVE ANNEAL TECHNIQUE
USING PREPLACEMENT OF NITRIDE
FILMS FOR ENHANCED FIELD
ISOLATION

Examiner: A. Mai

Group Art Unit: 2814

Attorney Docket No.: 3207.1US (96-684.1)

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